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VEHICULAR ACTIVITY
 ROUTE 23 AREA, LAOS
 1709N 10530E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE STATUS OF NUMEROUS ROADS AND VEHICLE TRACKS NORTH OF THE XE NOY (RIVER) AND WEST OF LAOS ROUTE 23 BOUNDED BY COORDINATES 1704N 10523E AND 1716N 10525E, AND 1716N 10530E AND 1705N 10643E.

2. MISSION READOUT:

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REVEALS THE CURRENT STATUS OF ROADS AND VEHICLE TRACKS WEST OF ROUTE 23.

A. TWO ROADS EXTEND WEST FROM ROUTE 23 AT UTM WD671942 AND AT BAN THA KHOK KHENE (1707N 10539E) AT UTM WD685926, AND JOIN AT UTM WD665921. AT THE JUNCTION A SINGLE ROAD EXTENDS SOUTH, THEN NORTHWEST, BELOW THE PHA KHAT (MOUNTAIN), THROUGH BAN NA PHAO AT 1735N 10544E AND BAN GNANG TO UTM WD549915; THEN NORTHWEST TO AN UNNAMED VILLAGE AT UTM WD471991; AND CONTINUES SOUTH THROUGH BAN PHAHY AND BAN NA KHAM PHAN AT 1708N 10526E, TERMINATING AT THE XE NOY (RIVER) IN THE VILLAGE OF BAN KENG CHONG AT 1640N 10618E (UTM WD436881). VEHICLE TRACKS ARE OBSERVED EXTENDING FROM THIS ROAD AS FOLLOWS:

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1. WEST FROM UTM WD634898 THROUGH BAN DONG PANG AT 1706N 10534E TO BAN GNANG, WHERE THEY REJOIN THE ROAD.
2. SOUTHWEST FROM UTM WD502952 TO THE LIMIT OF PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AT UTM WD492935. POSSIBLE ROW CROPS ARE OBSERVED ALONG THE VEHICLE TRACKS.
3. NORTH-NORTHWEST FROM THE UNNAMED VILLAGE AT UTM WD471991 AND NORTH FROM BAN PHAHY AT UTM WD452979, JOINING AT UTM WD452995, NEAR BAN PHA LONG BON AT 1710N 10525E; THE TRACKS CONTINUE NORTH-NORTHWEST, THEN NORTHEAST TO THE LIMIT OF PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AT UTM WE454018.
4. WEST FROM BAN NA KHAM PHANH (UTM WD462944) TO THE LIMIT OF PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AT UTM WD469946.

5. WEST-SOUTHWEST FROM UTM WD428890 TO THE LIMIT OF PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AT UTM WD397876.

B. VEHICLE TRACKS EXTEND SOUTHWEST FROM ROUTE 23 AT UTM WD619988 TO THE LIMIT OF PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AT UTM WD603967.

C. VEHICLE TRACKS EXTEND GENERALLY WEST FROM ROUTE 23 AT BAN NA KHONG AT 1715N 10530E (UTM WE536084), THROUGH BAN SOKTHANG TO UTM WE502072. FROM THIS POINT, THE ROAD BRANCHES AND TRACKS PROCEED SOUTHWEST TO THE LIMIT OF PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AT UTM WE484047, AND WEST THROUGH BAN NA TAT AT 1758N 10417E TO THE LIMIT OF PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AT UTM WE460079.

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D. PROBABLE ROAD CLEARING OPERATIONS ARE OBSERVED TO GENERALLY FOLLOW THE ALIGNMENT OF A PREVIOUSLY EXISTING TRAIL IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE XE NOY (RIVER) BETWEEN UTMS WD440874 AND WD448879, AND UTMS WD481882 AND WD502890 (1705N 10527E).

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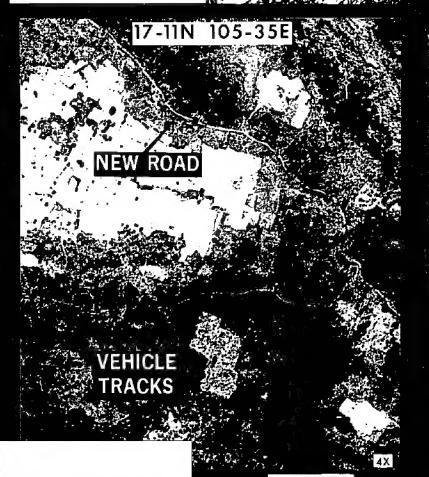
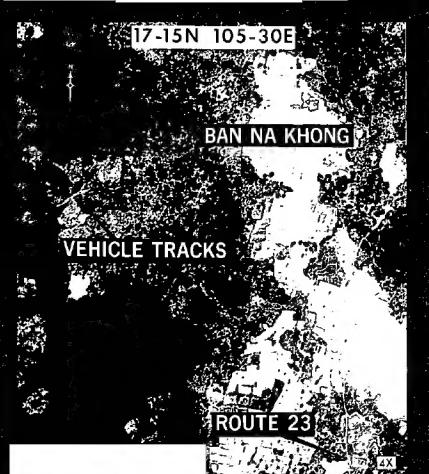
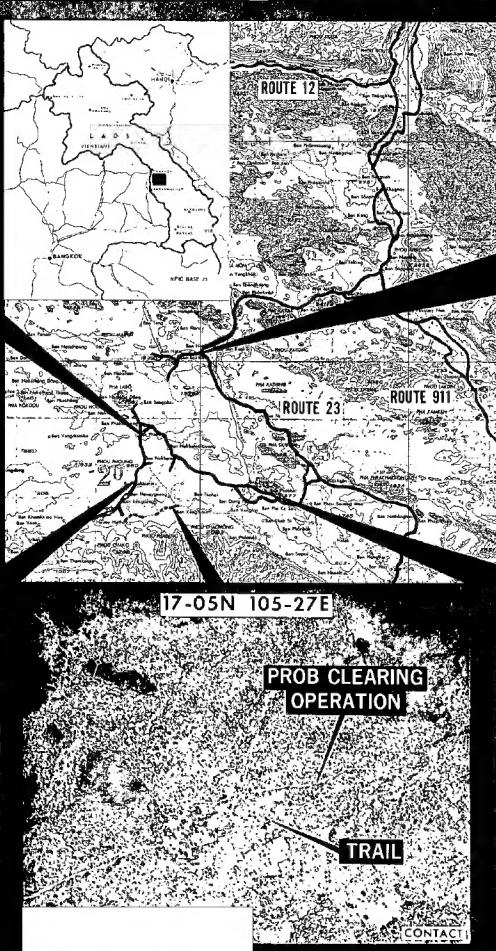
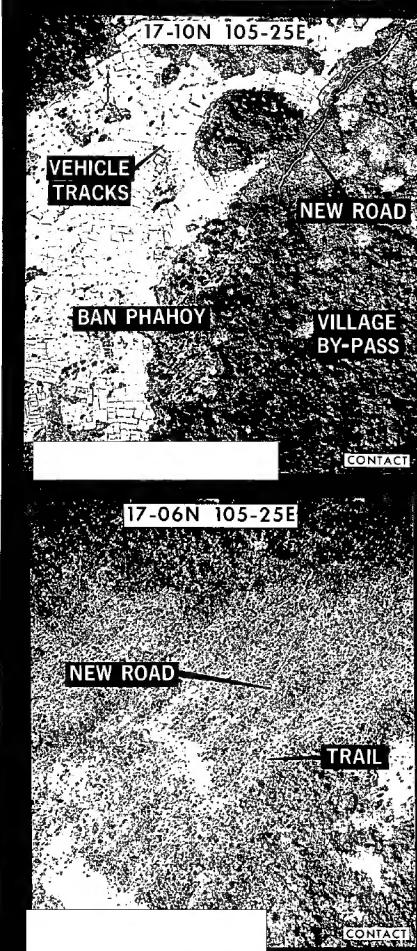
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